

I have left  
out even so  
much that I  
wanted to say,  
while I have  
put in some  
of the least  
important matters.

New Bedford. July 4<sup>th</sup> 1838.

My dear Deborah.

The letter accompanying  
this note was written almost a fort-  
night ago, but Mrs Emerson was coming  
home so soon, I thought I would wait  
to hear something more certain about  
and then write more, but I have not  
yet had time to write - Of course, there  
will be nothing new to you in the old  
letter, but I send it, for it may perhaps  
tell you how much I think of you -  
I received your letter Saturday night,  
and was delighted to hear such good  
news of your sisters. I do most sincerely  
rejoice with you in your happiness. I was  
anxious with you concerning Mr Chapman  
and dreaded the next intelligence I  
might receive. Mrs Emerson came  
home, last Wednesday, and relieved

anxious suspense with joyful tidings.  
From her too I heard very minutely  
about home - Mrs Weld came Saturday  
noon - Mr & Mrs Bent, Charlie, &  
Lydia arrived the same day, towards  
evening - They are all well, but Mr  
Bent has rather a bad cough. He  
has gone to Bridgewater to day to the  
convocation, and is going to address the  
children of the Sunday School, this  
afternoon - Charlie has grown very  
much, and is a very bright, interesting  
little fellow. He went with his father  
& mother, yesterday afternoon, to Mr  
Hathaway's room - Turk, his favorite  
dog, is to be painted with him. He is to  
be taken as feeding the dog. Mrs Lea-  
bury's baby grows very interesting - She  
calls Mrs Doubleday, Dubby, & Elizabeth  
to her Dubby - We are going into Mrs  
Leabury's room at nine, this evening -  
I suppose you & my sisters are, at  
this very moment, listening to Wendell  
Phillips, and I wish myself with you -  
I hope you will go home with my  
sisters -



As soon as I had news of you from Mrs Emerson, I called to tell "Aunt Sally," as I had promised. She was very glad to hear from you, and desired a great deal of love to you - She said she was with Ann Macomber when she died, and a little before her death, she said Give my love to Miss Weston and Miss Baylies - She said she loved you very much - Mr Bent preached a funeral sermon, last Sunday but I did not hear it - He has promised to lend it to me - One of your old scholars, Mary Ingraham, goes to our meetings, and is going to join the church the next communion Sunday - She sends a great deal of love to you -

Miss Appleton, a cousin of Mr Elliot, has taken a small school in town, and is coming here to board, next Saturday. She is a friend of Mr & Mrs Peabody, was in Cincinnati while they were there. I am not much acquainted with her yet, but like her very much - Miss Brastow & myself went together to

Anna Rodman's wedding party, last  
Thursday evening. She was married, Tuesday.  
She looked, of course, most beautiful.  
The bridal party have set out on their  
tour to the White Mountains & Niagara.  
Oh, report of Miss Betsey Holmes &  
others, has lately engaged me to Mr  
Lord - very funny, I think. Somebody  
must be in want of a spinning wheel -  
I don't think the report will spread  
any further than the hill, where  
the New Bedford Andover Institute  
is located. you had the honour  
of the same report, long ago.

I was glad enough to get your  
letter. Every thing in it convinces me  
of your identity with an anti-slavery  
room-mate I once had the good fortune  
to own, and I have not yet parted with  
my property, <sup>in you</sup> nor can I ever. I am afraid  
I should remain in total ignorance of  
the cause, if you did not write to me -  
I recognise you too by your sitting up  
so late. When are you going to give  
up that destructive habit?



I thought I could only write you a very short note, but, time or not, I cannot seem to stop. I have very little time to myself now, for I am almost constantly occupied with school affairs. I keep from 8 till 1, and have two afternoons for drawing, and the other three I give to Mary Botch. I left it to the trustees to decide about one school, so that I need no longer be troubled with changing, but have a permanent arrangement.

Miss Emerson was quite sick with the toothache, but is better now. Emily is going, this afternoon, to call on me on Palmer's Island - the rest celebrate the day at home - All send much love, and hope a visit from you, my dearest - Whether you come or not, I must see you in vacation, which commences the 10<sup>th</sup> of August - Do write soon, Bella dear, and tell me every thing (a small request).

Now, as ever, your affectionate  
Abby

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